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DEPARTURE STATEMENTS

1. JORDANIAN ARABIC LANGUAGE PRESS JAN 21 GAVE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF AIRPORT DEPARTURE STATEMENTS ISSUED BY SECRETARY KISSINGER AND GOJ PRIME MINISTER RIFAI AT CONCLUSION OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S JAN 19-20 VISIT TO AQABA FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH KING HUSSEIN:

2. "SECRETARY KISSINGER STATED: I AM HAPPY TO VISIT MY FRIENDS IN JORDAN DURING MY TOUR TO THE AREA DURING WHICH WE ARRIVED AT A DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL, WHICH WE HOPE WILL LEAD TO A TURNING POINT TOWARDS PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, HE ADDED THAT PEACE IN THE MIDEAST MUST INCLUDE ALL UNCLASSIFIED

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THE CONCERNED PARTIES IN THE AREA SINCE THE 1940S.

HE AFFIRMED US INTEREST IN ACHIEVING PEACE
AND ITS GREAT CONCERN FOR ITS FRIEND JORDAN.
KISSINGER ADDED: 'I AM MORE
OPTIMISTIC THAN AT ANY PREVIOUS TIME THAT PEACE
WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE AREA. I AM CERTAIN THAT
JORDAN WILL PLAY A LARGE ROLE IN THE EFFORTS BE-
ING EXERTED FOR ACHIEVING PEACE.'"

3. "PRIME MINISTER RIFAI STATED: 'DR KISSINGER'S
VISIT TO JORDAN IS A DELIGHT TO US AND HIS RE-
CEPTION IN AQABA IS A TOKEN OF HIS MAJESTY'S AD-
MIRATION AND ESTEEM. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE
EFFORTS SECRETARY KISSINGER IS EXERTING TO
ACHIEVE PEACE, WHICH WE HOPE WILL BE CROWNED WITH
SUCCESS. IN REPLY TO A QUATION, PM RIFAI STATED:
'DR KISSINGER HAS BRIEFED US ON THE RESULTS OF
HIS VISITS TO EGYPT AND ISRAEL AND ON THE DETAILS
OF THE ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT.
WE ALSO DISCUSSED GENERAL AND SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF
THE MIDEAST SITUATION AND WERE IN COMPLETE ACCORD
ON THE STEPS THAT MUST BE TAKEN AT THIS STAGE TO
ARRIVE AT A JUST, DURABLE AND HONORABLE PEACE IN
THE MIDEAST.'"
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